

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JOCELYN PIERRE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

HOBART VARIETY STORE, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

24-CV-3357 (DEH)

**ORDER**

DALE E. HO, United States District Judge:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of service of the summons and complaint, the parties must meet and confer for at least one hour in a good-faith attempt to settle this action. To the extent the parties are unable to settle the case themselves, they must also discuss whether further settlement discussions through the district's court-annexed mediation program or before a magistrate judge would be productive at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within fifteen (15) additional days (*i.e.*, within forty-five (45) days of service of the summons and complaint), the parties must submit a joint letter informing the Court whether the parties have settled. If the parties do not reach a settlement, the parties shall in the joint letter request that the Court (1) refer the case to mediation or a magistrate judge for a settlement conference (and indicate a preference between the two options), or (2) proceed with an initial pretrial conference.

Any extension requests shall adhere to this Court's Individual Rules, located at

<https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-dale-e-ho>.

Dated: May 2, 2024

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



DALE E. HO  
United States District Judge